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SOURCE:

1. The Ferihegy airport at Budapest is used by the Maszovlet Airlines. The Maszovlet personnel comprises: administration, 30 people; technical personnel, 120; weather service, 7; radio station, 19; goniometric station, 11. The Ministry of Communications has a control and maintenance personnel of 17 at the field.

2. The airplane park of the Maszovlet comprises:

- a. 15 Russian low-wing, all metal LI-2 planes, equipped with two 1,000 h.p. engines (9-cylinder, radial), which are said to be copies of the American DC-3 plane. A plane crew consists of two pilots, a radio man, and a mechanic. The planes have accommodation for 21 passengers.
- b. One Czech low-wing, all-metal "Aero 45" plane, with two Walter engines. The crew consists of a pilot, radio man, and an assistant pilot who is also a mechanic. The plane can accommodate six passengers.
- c. Five Russian PO-2 planes with closed cockpits. The crew and passenger capacity are the same as those of the "Aero 45".
- d. One PO-2 plane with open cockpit, for training purposes.

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4. Air Routes.

a. Domestic air routes:

Budapest-Szeged-Bekescsaba; Budapest-Győr-Szombathely; Budapest-Miskolc-

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Debrecen; Budapest-Siófok (summer season only)-Nagykanizsa; Budapest-Pécs.

b. Foreign air routes:

Budapest-Prague; Budapest-Warsaw; Budapest-Bucharest-Sofia. Budapest-Prague is a joint Maszovlet-Czech service. Budapest-Bucharest-Sofia is a Maszovlet-Rumanian-Bulgarian pool. Budapest-Warsaw is flown only by the Soviet Airlines Company, with connections at Warsaw to Moscow. Hungarian planes do not fly over the Soviet Union.

5. Assembly and Repair Shops.

These consist of a carpenter shop, fitter's shop and engine assembly shop, equipped with modern machinery. Electric current is supplied by the Budapest power system. The airport also has its own power plant. The men work a 48-hour week, in two shifts. A mechanic gets 1,000 forints a month, from which there are deductions of 100 to 120 forints. The 14th and 29th of each month are paydays.

6. The Fighters for Freedom Association (Szabadságharcos Szövetség) has its quarters at the airport, where preparatory parachute training is given. The Maszovlet LI-2 machines are used for this.

7. The military airfield at Szeged has been isolated from the commercial field. The runways are the same and are used in common, but the military field is a restricted area and commercial planes may not pass over it.

Annex: Sketch of the Ferihegy Airport, 1 page.

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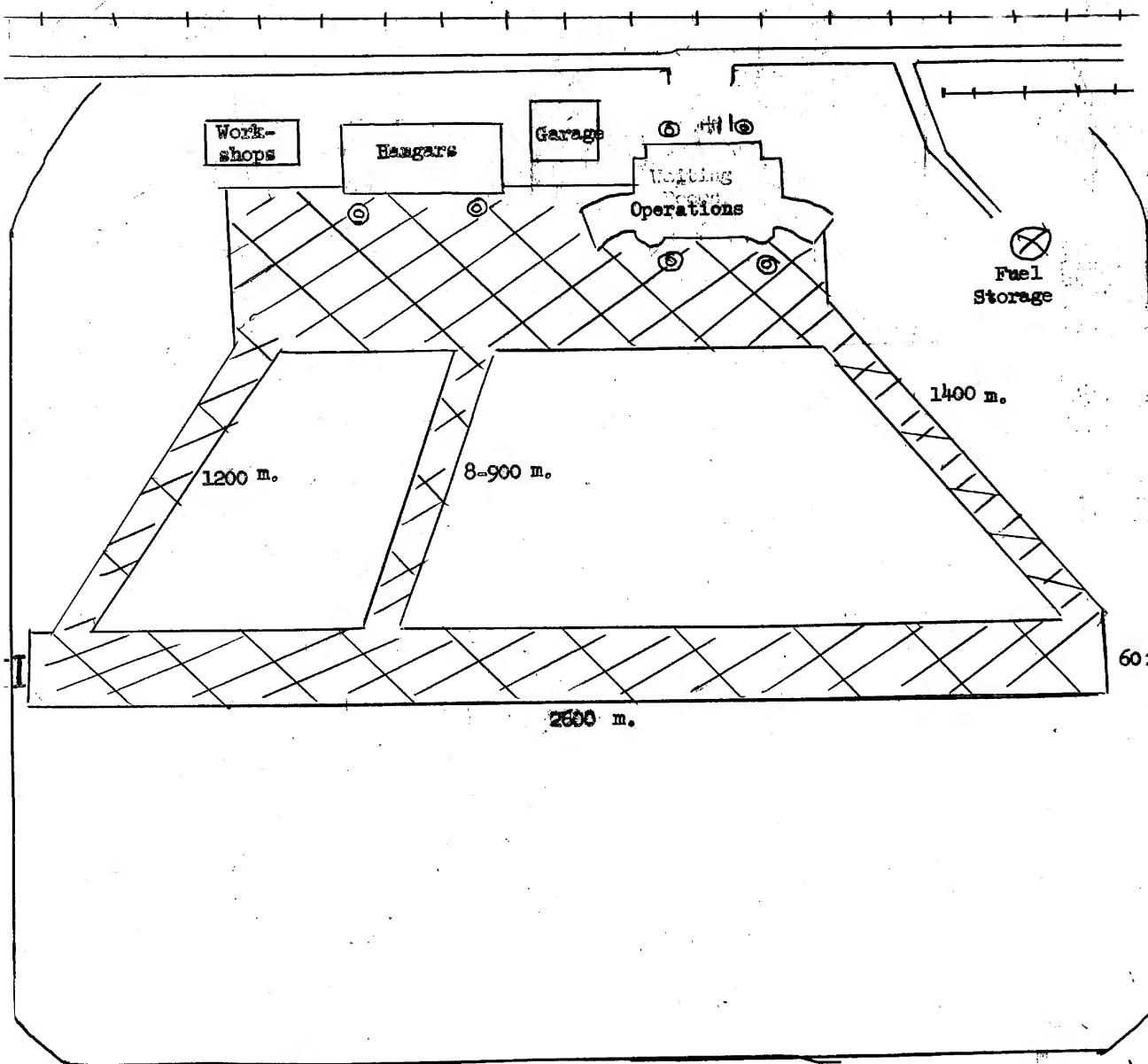
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Sketch of the Ferihegy Airport



— Goniometric station.

⊙ Guard posts of the green AVB.

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